



Naumann-Thienemann Medal – Nomination Details

The Naumann-Thienemann Medal is the highest honor that can be bestowed internationally for outstanding scientific contributions to limnology. The engraved bronze medal bears the reliefs of the two founders of SIL and the meritorious inscription in Latin “De limnologia optime merito”. One medal shall be awarded per year, and therefore, we would like to receive nominations of two outstanding limnologists (for the years 2025 and 2026), to be awarded at the ASLO-SIL joint congress in Montreal, Canada, in May 2026. The medal originated as the Einar Naumann Medal and was first awarded in 1948. The important contributions of August Thienemann to the development and leadership of SIL were fully appreciated later when the early records of SIL were examined carefully. In 1972, at an international workshop to honor the 50th anniversary of the SIL, a decision was made to alter the medal to recognize the different, but fundamental and reinforcing, contributions of both scientists to international limnology.

The evaluation committee will consider outstanding scientific contributions to limnology in a broad context. We encourage nominations of candidates whose backgrounds and experiences align with this commitment. SIL is dedicated to promoting diversity as a key driver of innovative and advanced science. During the assessment process, we will take into account the systematic career disadvantages faced by women and scientists working in developing economies. Additionally, if the candidate is part of the SIL community, whether as a member or as a contributor to SIL committees or working groups, this will also be taken into consideration.

For nominations, please provide the following information:

- Full name of the nominee.
- Affiliation and current e-mail address.
- A personal justifying statement why the nominee should be awarded the Naumann-Thienemann Medal, reflecting their contribution to the science of limnology (about one page). This statement shall reflect the qualitative contributions and insight gained from the work of the nominee, instead of listing quantitative metrics.
- A full CV, specifying, in addition to education and positions held, other activities by which the nominee has contributed to limnological research and education. For example, service as editor of journals, leading positions in organizations of the limnological community, teaching and mentorship, and outstanding outreach activities. The contribution(s) and affiliation of the candidate to the SIL community should be included.
- A publication list and a section highlighting up to five most influential papers or books that reflect the scientific contributions of the nominee, with a short statement for each why these contributions provide an exceptional progress in limnology.

SIL has formed an international committee, which will select the recipients among your nominations. The committee members are: Dr. Vera Huszar (Brazil), Prof. John Melack (USA), Dr. Erik Jeppesen (Denmark), Dr. Carolyn Burns (New Zealand), Dr. Björn Wissel (General Secretary of SIL), Dr. María de los Ángeles González Sagrario (President of SIL).

Please send the nomination package as a single PDF to the President of SIL, Ángeles González Sagrario, at gonsagra@gmail.com, not later than **October 15, 2025**.